

**Table 23.08-- RETAIL SALES, BY TYPE OF STORE: 1997 AND 1998**

[In millions of dollars; data are estimates]

Kind of store	SIC code	1997	1998
All stores 1/	52 to 59	13,359	2/ 13,537
Food stores	54	2,264	2,284
Grocery stores	541	2,090	2,105
General merchandise stores	53	2,256	2,297
Department stores	531	1,012	1,032
Automotive dealers	55 exc. 554	1,989	1,996
Eating and drinking places	58	1,849	1,877
Gasoline service stations	554	633	591
Building materials and garden supplies	52	544	584
Apparel and accessory stores	56	1,117	1,157
Furniture, homefurnishings stores	57	617	626

1/ Includes other types of stores, not shown separately.

2/ Sales per household were \$34,142, second highest of the 50 States. The U.S. ratio was \$26,544.

Source: Market Statistics (a division of Claritas Inc., Arlington VA), estimates cited in *Statistical Abstract* of the United States: 2000, pp. 766-767.